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Chad,

This afternoon, Cam and I participated in a call with the White House Office of the Drug Tsar (Nita Rincone) and the U.S. Embassy in Bogota (Rob Allison) to discuss the proposed mission of Nancy Beck and Anna Lowitt to Colombia next week. Both offices are extremely appreciative of the responsiveness of EPA to the request to come to Colombia before the POTUS visit.

The purpose of the mission would be to follow up on Defense Secretary Mattis' commitment that EPA would assure the key players of the Colombian Government of the appropriate and safe use of glyphosate as the Colombian Government reintroduces its campaign to eradicate coca crops. The Embassy proposes a meeting with Ambassador Whitaker and then meetings with the National Drug Council (which includes several ministries), Minister of Justice, Minister of Defense, Minister of Environment, and the Office of the President.

Nancy had asked us to look at a visit which would have her back in time for a murder board for the Administrator on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> in advance of a Congressional hearing. The schedule would have the delegation depart/arrive Bogota on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and meetings with Ambassador that afternoon. The Colombian Government meetings would take place on Tuesday, and return to Washington on the morning of Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. I have attached a notional schedule for your information.

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While the Embassy also said they would welcome OITA if EPA made that decision, they suggested that another time would be better. They again emphasized that a smaller footprint would keep the delegation at a lower profile and make it easier to make the movements in a expeditious and secure manner.

A follow-up call is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon. While it is clear that the Embassy and seemingly the Office of the Drug Tsar prefer an EPA delegation of two, we stand ready to support the mission whatever its footprint.

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